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Attachments: AGENDA - DTS and EPA EJ 25Apr06.pdf; EJ excerpt_Methodology Report.pdf

Aloha Connell and others,
Per your request, please find attached a draft EJ methodology description, including a flowchart. This flowchart is similar to the one we recently reviewed with FTA.

I'm also including a draft agenda (I have assumed for now that the meeting will be on Tuesday, but I'm awaiting confirmation via Faith). The agenda is limited to discussion of EJ methodology.

At the bottom of the agenda you will find call-in instructions for our conference calling system, Raindance.

-Nami

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Hi Connell -

Times that would work for us to discuss our EJ methodology in order of preference are as follows:

Tuesday, April 25, 2006, 10:00 a.m. HST/1:00 p.m. PST
Monday, April 24, 2006, 10:00 a.m. HST/1:00 p.m. PST

The website for the project www.honolulutransit.org has project related documents. Also, by copy of this e-mail, I am asking Nami Ohtomo of Parsons Brinckerhoff, our consultant, to provide you with some information regarding our proposed EJ methodology.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

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Donna,
Thanks for the update. As I mentioned we are available to discuss the EJ methodology.

Faith,
Would you like to send us your draft EJ methodology so that we can have something to review? It would be nice to provide some project background (a scoping report, or other materials) to our Environmental Justice folks, along with your methodology, so that they can have some time to review material prior to a call. Let me know if there are any items available to provide some context to this project.

Also, in the future please copy both Wendy Wiltse and me on items related to this project.

Thanks!
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RE: Honolulu High-Capacity
Transit Corridor Project

FTA had a conference call with Honolulu DTS and its consultant to discuss its plan for EJ for the project. FTA had not only regional staff on the call, but 2 of our top environmental people at HQ among others. We strongly emphasized at the end of the call that our conclusions be shared with the EPA to be sure that you concur on the EJ strategy. Please feel free to call me or my Director Ray Sukys at any time if you have any questions or concerns. Ray can be reached at 415 744-2802 and I can be reached at the number below. Thanks.

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Hello!

Wendy and I are both of the contacts for this project. Wendy is the correct EPA person to talk to for Hawaii projects with potential impacts to coral reefs and water resources and I can help field Environmental Justice questions with the staff from our Environmental Justice Team here.

When would you like to talk? Please send me some potential times late this week and/or early next week and I can find out what times work for our EJ folks to be on a call with me.

Have you coordinated yet with EJ folks at the lead agency, FTA? They may have some specific guidance to share with you from US Department of Transportation (DOT). I have copied Donna Turchie on this email so that she can send you appropriate DOT requirements/EJ guidance for EJ

Thanks,
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Hi Connell -

As you are aware, the Department of Transportation Services is preparing an alternatives analysis of transportation improvements for the corridor from the University of Hawaii - Manoa to Kapolei. One of the issues that the alternatives analysis is evaluating is Environmental Justice. We would like to discuss our proposed methodology to address Environmental Justice with the appropriate person at EPA. Would that person be you? Also, should we be coordinating with the Pacific Islands Contact Office in Honolulu?

Thanks in advance for your help.

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